STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): Madam, I beg to lay on the Table—

I. A copy each (in English and Hindi) of the following Notifications of the Ministry of Personnel, Public Grievances and Pensions (Department of Personnel and Training), under sub-section (1) of section 37 of the Administrative Tribunals Act, 1985:—

(i) G.S.R. No. 485(E), dated the 22nd April, 1988, publishing the Madhya Pradesh Administrative Tribunal (Procedure) Rules, 1988.

(ii) G.S.R. No. 486(E), dated the 22nd April, 1988, publishing the Maharashtra Administrative Tribunal (Procedure) Rules, 1988. [Placed in Library. *See* No. LT-6167/88 for (i) and (ii)]

II. (1) A copy each (in English and Hindi) of the following Notifications of the Ministry of Personnel, Public Grievances and Pensions (Department of Personnel and Training), under sub-section (2) of section 3 of the All India Services Act, 1951:—

(i) G.S.R. No. 255, dated the 9th April, 1988, publishing the All India Services (Provident Fund) Amendment Rules, 1988.

(ii) G.S.R. No. 546(E), dated the 4th May, 1988, publishing the Indian Forest Service (Fixation of Cadre Strength) Second Amendment Regulations, 1980.

(iii) G.S.R. No. 547(E), dated the 4th May 1988, publishing the Indian Forest Service (Pay) Second Amendment Rules, 1988.

(2) Explanatory Memoranda (in English and Hindi) on the Notifications mentioned at 1 (ii) and (iii) above.

[Placed in Library. *See* No. LT-6166/88 for (1) and (2)]

Pune Cantonment (Building) Bye-laws, 1988

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI SANTOSH MOHAN DEV): Madam I beg to lay on the Table under sub-section (3) of section 281 of the Cantonments Act, 1924, a copy (in English and Hindi) of the Ministry of Defence Notification S.R.O. No. 82, dated the 30th April, 1988, publishing the Pune Cantonment (Building) Bye-laws 1988. [Placed in Library. *See* No. LT-6236/88]

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENT ASSURANCES

SHRI ALADI ARUNA *Alias* V. ARUNACHALAM (Tamil Nodu):

Madam, I present the Thirty-third Report (in English and Hindi) of the Committee on Government Assurances.

MESSAGE FROM THE LOK SABHA

The Rajghat Samadhi (Amendment) Bill, 1988

ADDITIONAL SECRETARY: Madam, I have to report to the House the following message received from the Lok Sabha signed by the Secretary-General of the Lok Sabha:

"In accordance with the porvisions of Rule 120 of the Rules of Procedure and Conduct of Business in Lok Sabha, I am directed to inform you that Lok Sabha, at its sitting held on the 11th May, 1988, agreed without any amendment to the Rajghat Samadhi (Amendment) Bill, 1988, which was passed by Rajya Sabha at its sitting held on the 27th April, 1988."

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: Short Duration Discussion. Mr. Chidambaram will intervene.

WRONG INJECTION ADMINISTERED TO SHRI RAM SINGH, M.P.

श्री शरद यादव (उत्तर प्रदेश) : एक सब्मिशन करना चाहता हूं । ऐसा है कि पनिकर साहब की मृत्यु एक गलत मेडिसन देने के कारण रिएक्शन होने से हुई । (व्यवधान) इसी प्रकार से श्री राम अवधेश सिंह

जी को भी गलत इंजेक्शन दिया गया है जिसका उनको रिएक्शन हो गया है । मेरा यह कहना है कि इस तरह की असावधानी क्यों बरती गयी है इसका पता लगाया जाये । (व्यवधान)

श्री अटल बिहारी वाजपेयी (मध्य प्रदेश) : मुझे भी टेलीफोन आया है, मैं चाहूंगा इसका पता लगाया जाये ।

SHRI PARVATHANENI UPENDRA (Andhra Pradesh): Shri Ram Awadesh Singh is also in the same condition. He is in hospital.

SHRI GHULAM RASOOL MATTO (Jammu and Kashmir): Madam, I also got a telephone call from somebody that Shri Ram Awadesh Singh has developed reaction to an injection and he has been admitted to Ram Manohar Lohia Hospital.

SHRI M. S. GURUPADASWAMY (Karnataka): Government should make an enquiry into it. I am just suggesting that an enquiry should be made. A wrong drug has been administered to Shri Ram Awadesh Singh.

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: The Minister of Parliamentary Affairs should get in touch with the Health Ministry and find out what the position is. They should take immediate actoin on this.

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI M. M. JACOB): Yes, Madam.

SHORT DURATION DISCUSSION ON REPORT OF THE JOINT PARLIAMENTARY COMMITTEE ON BOFORS CONTRACT— *Contd.*

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): Madam, hon. Members from both sides have covered a very wide ground in discussing the JPC Report. I do not wish to traverse the same ground because the Defence Minister, who will be replying to the debate, will give a very comprehensive answer, as he did in the other House, to the allegations, charges and, if I may say so, even insinuations and innuendos thrown against the Government by certain hon. Members during the course of their speeches. Madam, I wish to deal only with a few aspects of the Bofors issue. Firstly, Madam, kindly go back to the charge which was first made public. The charge which was first made public was that senior Indian politicians and key Defence Ministry officials were paid bribes for winning this contract. That is where we started, and after one year no one has been able to name any Indian politician or Minister or Indian official who has received a bribe. In fact, I found that while they were willing to wound, they were afraid to strike. So far so good. At least in the last one year we could clear one thing. Despite newspapers, correspondence investigative journalists, self-styled sleuths, attempts by Parliament Members, visits abroad by former Members of Parliament and a whole lot of people, there is no evidence that any Indian Government official or any Indian Minister or any Indian politician has received a bribe in connection with the Bofors deal.

SHRI PARVATHANENI UPENDRA (Andhra Pradesh): That shows your efficiency.

SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM: That shows, Madam, that however much you might wish, if wishes were horses, the Opposition here would be riding. Unfortunately, after thirteen months not one piece of evidence has come against an Indian official, an Indian Minister, an Indian politician. So, we must know where we stand today with regard to the original charge aired by the Swedish Radio.

SHRI M. S. GURUPADASWAMY (Karnataka): You are an ostrich. You can't see anything.

SHRI DIPEN GHOSH (West Bengal): See no evil hear no evil!